PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Seventy-Second Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

April 9, 1954

Boston, Massachusetts

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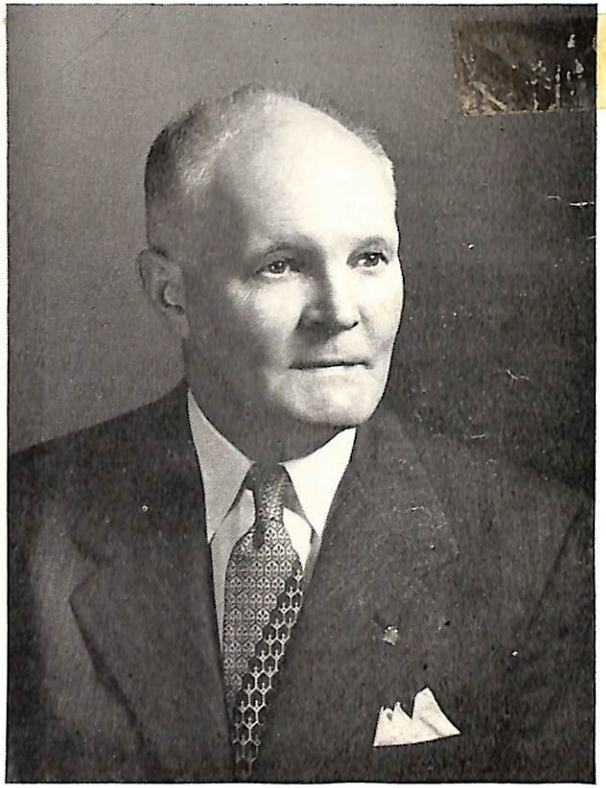

HAROLD P. SHEPARDSON
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS

The 72nd annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War opened on April 9, 1954 at 2.15 p.m. in the Sheraton Plaza Hotel, Boston. Commander in Chief U. S. Grant 3rd was escorted to the platform amid great applause.

At Roll Call of Officers all but Musician reported present.

Henry S. Bowen of Camp 6 acted as Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Commander Shepardson then announced Committees.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Springfield, Mass., April 9, 1954

To the Officers and Members of the 72nd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,

Greetings:—

On May 16th, 1953, in the New Ocean House, Swampscott, Mass., you elected me to the office of Department Commander. I was duly installed May 17th by Charles H. E. Moran P.C.in C. At that time I promised that I would give to our Department the best I had in me; whatever I did would be for the best interest of our Department. Now that my term as your Department Commander has ended, I feel that I have kept my promise.

During my term of office I have issued three Department Orders and one roster.

Allied Orders

To Mrs. Dorothy A. Morris, Department President of Womens Relief Corps; to Mrs. Edna Brooks, Department President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; and to Mrs. Dorothy Putnam, Department President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I wish to express my appreciation for the friendship and many courtesies extended to me, this past year. Our happy associations have been perfect. I wish for each one of you a very happy and harmonious encampment.

Our Auxiliary

To my Department President, Marilla Haskins; it has been a pleasure and a privilege to have had you as a co-worker this past year. Coming from the same section of the State, we have been able to travel many miles together, in the work of our respective organizations. You have always been alert to any opportunity to assist the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Words fail me to express my appreciation for the service rendered by the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I have appreciated the words of encouragement given me during the year by the members of our Auxiliary and the assistance your members have given to our Department and its Camps is appreciated, and in all sincerity I say Thank You.

Visitations

I have visited all Districts of our Department this past year and find that the District Associations do much in building the interests in the smaller Camps in their Districts. I would liked to have visited each of the small Camps during the year, but many could not assure me of a quorum being present, so I felt that it was not advisable for me to travel so far and then not find a meeting. However I have been busy in the Western part of the Department, endeavoring to keep those Camps functioning. The smaller Camps of our Department really appreciate a visit from their Department Officers, and that is where we should put our efforts, is my belief.

Friendly Relations Committee

Carder A. Perkins, P.D.C.; John B. Davis P.D.C.; Roy Call, P.D.C.; Louis E. Winchell, P.D.C. and Chas. W. Hooper, were appointed to serve on the Friendly Relations Committee which committee had a very successful dinner and entertainment in I.O.O.F. Hall, Malden, on Jan. 9th. My thanks to the members of this committee.

Publicity

P.D.C. Geo. Wm. Kimball, our Publicity Secretary, has done a good job in spite of the failure of Camp Publicity Secretaries to furnish details of coming events for publication. Thanks to you, George, for trying to keep our organization before the public, without receiving the assistance you had a right to expect.

District Commanders

It had been my desire to have the District Commander's system revived, and in keeping with this desire I wrote to thirty members, whom I thought would make good District Commanders, some of them were highly recommended by active members of the Department, but only five of them responded to my letters. It was impossible to secure enough interested members to accept. All organizations have their district Deputies, men who consider it an honor to be the representative of their organization, but not so with our membership.

Department Officers

Immediately after our last Encampment, I called a meeting of all Department Officers, both elected and appointed, to meet at Headquarters on June 20. We had a very good attendance.

We outlined what was expected of our Associate Officers, and especially their duties as proscribed by our Department By-laws were discussed. How well they carried out their duties you will learn from their respective reports.

Membership

Our membership continues to decline. Our loss by Death has been very large, which is to be expected as our members grow older. The number of new members initiated during the year has not been large enough to replace this loss.

Millard Brown, J.V.D.C., has been diligent in the performance of the work assigned to him, and it is no fault of his, that our members did not respond to his appeal.

National Encampment

Our Department was represented at the 72nd National Encampment by a large delegation, who were very diligent in their attendance at the business sessions.

It was a pleasure to have one of our members selected to a National Office, as George Wm. Kimball, P.D.C., was elected to the Council of Administration for a two year term. Brother Kimball well deserves the honor given him.

*Necrology

During the year, the Grim Reaper has again taken from our ranks a large number of our active members, amongst them William L. Anderson, Past Commander-in-Chief. In Brother Anderson's death, our Department lost one of our beloved members.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

Conclusion

As I am soon to relinquish the office of Department Commander, I will leave it with regret. My heart and interest has been in my work. I have endeavored to keep our Department up to the high standard which those who travelled the road before me have set. I have tried to perform all my duties in a spirit of fairness and justice.

Fully realizing the financial condition and having the interest of the organization at heart, I have not drawn any money for travel as your Department Commander, and have also paid my postage for all Department business. Wherein I do carry a railroad pass it has not been of much assistance during the year as very little of my visits could be made by railroad.

To my Department Secretary, Leon Palmer, no one realizes unless they are closely associated with you, the vast amount of work which falls upon your shoulders. You have never been too busy to assist me or perform any duty I asked of you. I can only say, thank you, Leon, from the bottom of my heart.

Last but not least, to my dear wife, whose words of encouragement meant much to me. Many thanks, Early.

At this time I want to extend thanks to my Camp, No. 15, and Auxiliary 10 for the reception tendered to me, on October 3, 1953. I sincerely thank all who assisted in making it such a success.

I want to thank you, the members of this Department, for the honor you gave to me, in permitting me to serve as your Department Commander. In leaving the office I am taking with me a wealth of happy memories.

Recommendations

1—That a committee be appointed to revise and bring up to date the Department By-laws, and to have same printed.
2—That the Department Secretary write to the Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States, requesting their vote in our petition for a Congressional Charter.
3—That an up to date roster be issued within 60 days showing only such Camps as are in good standing.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

HAROLD P. SHEPARDSON,
Department Commander.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

I hereby submit the following report for the year, and I am listing the various affairs that I attended.

Meeting of all Department Officers at Department Headquarters, last summer.

All meetings of the Executive Committee.

Memorial exercises of Bay State Camp 61, in the Hall of Flags, State House.

Presided at Memorial Sunday exercises of Camp 30, Dorchester, and participated in Sons of Union Veterans exercises at Jamaica Plain, Granary Burying Ground, and Boston Common.

Presided at Memorial Day exercises of my own Camp 30, of which I am commander, in four Dorchester cemeteries.

Represented the Department at annual memorial exercises of Bay State Camp, at Long Island.

Attended supper and anniversary of the Rockland Camp in June.

Reception for Mrs. Dorothy H. Putnam, Department President of the Daughters of Union Veterans, at Hyde Park.

Banquet and reception for our own Dept. Com. Shepardson at Springfield.

Banquet and reception to Mrs. Marilla W. Haskins, Department President, Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary, at Amherst.

Banquet and reception for Mrs. Mildred Webster, National President, Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary, at Portland, Maine.

I attended the following meetings of the North Metropolitan District Association:—Two meetings with the Beverly camp, one with Camp 9, Roxbury, supper and meeting with Camp 62, Everett; and the annual banquet, held at Malden.

Represented Dept. Commander on Friendly Relations Committee.

Served as chairman of Sons table at Daughters of Union Veterans Fair, held October 29, at the Hotel Lenox, and turned over $22.00 to their treasurer. Brother Arthur Pray was co-chairman.

I was installing musician for the following Allied Orders:—Tent 1, Dorchester; Tent 36, Boston; Tent 43, Watertown; the Malden Circle; and am musician of Auxiliary 90, Dorchester.

Represented the Department Commander at exercises at the Lincoln Monument, Park Square, on February 12.

Attended the Lincoln-Washington Banquet of the Past Commanders, and Past Presidents Associations at Roxbury.

Represented the Department Commander at the reception to Governor Herter, at the State House, Washington's Birthday.

Attended the Anniversary of the Malden Circle, and was obligated in the Order.

On the evening of February 12, as chairman of the Department Ways and Means, I sponsored a supper and whist at the Homecraft Shop, 687 Boylston Street, Boston. A total of $45.00 was received from tickets and contributions. The rent of the Homecraft Shop was $15.00, and I sent $30.00 to Department Treasurer Hunt. I have also received the following contributions for the Department: Fred Butler, $4.25; Carder Perkins, $2.00; John Day, $1.00; Addison Quinn, $1.50; Millard Brown, $1.00; Robert L. Wood, $1.25. (Total $11.00).

This has also been sent to Brother Hunt, making a total of $41.00.

On the evening of October 28, my own Lieut. Nathaniel Bowditch Camp 30, and Dorchester Allied Orders gave me a wonderful reception at which the Grand Army Hall was thronged. This was a truly lovely affair, the memory of which I shall always cherish.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Massachusetts Department for the honor of having served as their Senior Vice Department Commander.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT L. WOOD,
Senior Vice Department Commander.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Dear Commander and Brothers:

Allow me to submit to you as briefly as possible my report for the past year serving as your Junior Vice Department Commander.

Approximately one year ago, I was elected to serve as Junior Vice Commander. Realizing my chief aim was to do my best in securing new members for our beloved organization, I set out to inform all at our various gatherings to try to build up our Order. I spoke in Camps, Auxiliaries, joint meetings, and also in public gatherings where non-members were assembled. I tried in my capacity as a true Son of a Veteran to inform prospects that we needed them more than ever to join our ranks and help fight that dreaded pack, commonly called Communists, and to keep before the public our Aims as Sons and Grandsons of the Civil War.

In this respect, I think I have done fairly well, and I mean fairly. At this time, I can report that two outstanding districts have come forward and met my challenge: the North Metropolitan District Association and the Plymouth County Association. Both have had a substantial gain. As of today, I have written two letters to the Assistant Organizer, who hails from Pioneer Valley District, on the question of new members, but have had no reply as to whether there was any gain up that way. Hats off! and many thanks to the two districts and any individuals who have taken part in obtaining new members.

I personally visited camps and get-to-gethers in my district and attended many department functions. Letting my Commander and Senior Vice Commander cover their respective districts, which I know was taken care of with credit. At various places when neither of my superiors were able to attend, I extended the greetings of the Massachusetts Department, and always put in a plug for more members, and I feel it paid off.

I most sincerely feel that in order for our organization to Carry On and be a noted body in our cities and towns, we must secure new members, chiefly younger men who can be instructed in the principles of the G. A. R. and their work in the past and future. Give these new members a job to do in the camps. Have them hold minor offices for a start and keep them interested by instituting degree teams, indoor baseball and basketball; and by all means take an interest in their activities yourselves.

In closing this report, I wish to thank you all for your support and confidence in electing me to this office at the Seventy-first Encampment; and may the slogan for this Seventy-second be "Strive to Go Forward for Comrade Woolson" and thus keep before the public the "Boys in Blue".

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

MILLARD F. BROWN,
Junior Vice Department Commander

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COUNCIL

A meeting of the Department Council was held after the Encampment at the Ocean House, Swampscott . In the absence of Arthur C. Pray, Emerson Whitman was elected temporary Chairman and Edwin J. Lennon as temporary Secretary. At the second meeting of the Council at Department Headquarters, with all three members present, Edwin J. Lennon was elected Chairman for the calendar year, and Arthur C. Pray was elected Secretary, with Emerson Whitman as Third Member.

It was voted to keep State Street Trust Company as depository for funds of the Mass. Department, to continue use of the safe deposit box with controlled access by those Department Officers having to use same. It was also voted to furnish bonds for Department Commander, Secretary and Treasurer.

At a joint meeting of the Executive Board, the Council approved the action of the Board in continuing the present investment policy of the Mass. Department, S. U. V. C. W. The judicious investment of funds available has continued to bring increased revenue needed so urgently for the Department to properly function.

Secretary Leon H. Palmer was instructed to have proceedings of the 1953 Encampment printed. This was in accord with the vote of said Encampment.

The Council acknowledges with sincere appreciation the efforts of the Ways and Means Committee under Senior Vice Commander Robert L. Wood in raising the sum of $30.00 for the General Fund.

A gift of $150.00 from the Mass. Department S. U. V. Auxiliary is also gratefully acknowledged.

All members of the Department Council were present at and greatly enjoyed the dinner and entertainment given on March 27th by the North Metropolitan District Association. Prominent National and Department Officers were present and Past National and Department Officers also enjoyed the evening.

The thanks of the Council is expressed to all District Associations who have so generously given of their time and efforts for the good of the Order.

Your Council checked the records and bank statements of the Department Secretary and they were found to be in order.

The illness of Department Treasurer George Hunt was noted, and the Council expressed a sincere hope that Treasurer Hunt will soon be improved in health.

As soon as possible your Council will audit the records submitted by Treasurer Hunt.

The Council learned with deep regret of the death of Past Commander-in-Chief William Anderson. Sincere sympathy is expressed to the family of our beloved late brother. His passing was a great loss.

Through the interest of Camp 56, and under the administration of Charles Hooper, Arthur Pray and Robert Wood a table was conducted at the annual fair of the Daughters of Union Veterans. A considerable sum was raised in this manner and given to that Organization.

The Department Council expresses its thanks to all National and Department Officers as well as all past officers for their continued splendid efforts in promoting the well-being of the Department.

The Department is to be congratulated on the fine caliber of men who have served and who continue to serve.

Your Council especially wishes to thank Secretary Leon H. Palmer for the kind assistance given during the current year. Each member of the Department is urged to continue his efforts for new members.

Increased activity on the part of all District Associations is recommended as a means of continuing and increasing the interest of all in our Order. Well planned programs will be most beneficial.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWIN J. LENNON
ARTHUR C. PRAY
EMERSON WHITMAN

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS SONS OF UNION VETERANS

Estimated Budget for Year 1954 - 55

Estimated Receipts

	1954 - 55
Per Capita Tax on 1486 members @ $1.00	$1,486.00
Membership Fees on 40 members @ $1.00	40.00
Interest from Permanent Fund	575.00
Donations	150.00
Office Rent, from Auxiliary	112.50
Telephone, from Auxiliary	55.00
For lights, from Auxiliary	8.00
Supplies	50.00
1954 Encampment Fund Registration, etc.	85.00
Ways and Means Committee	47.50
	$2,609.00

Estimated Disbursements

Per Capita Tax on 1486 members @ .60c	$ 891.60
Membership fees on 40 members @ .50c	20.00
1954 Encampment Expense	85.00
Salary of Department Secretary	500.00
Department Commander's Expense for National Encampment	100.00
Department Commander's Travel Expense	75.00
Postage, Printing, Stationery	150.00
Electric Lights	16.00
Telephone	110.00

Office Rent	300.00
Badge for Department Commander	10.00
Bank Service Charges	7.90
Safe Deposit Box	6.00
Donation to Department Auxiliary Ways and Means Committee	25.00
Officers' Bond Premiums	7.50
To repay part of loan from Loring Fund	50.00
Printing Proceedings, 1954 Encampment	135.00
Miscellaneous Expense	35.00
American Coalition Subscription	10.00
Printing Rosters (200) Mass. Dep. S. U. V. C. W.	75.00
	$2,609.00

Fraternally submitted,

DEPARTMENT COUNCIL
Edwin J. Lennon
Arthur C. Pray
Emerson Whitman

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

I herewith submit my report as your Department Chaplain for the past year. The duties of this office are not arduous but quite essential. The principal duty is to make adequate preparation for the Memorial service, and this I hope that I have accomplished. I have been honored, on several occasions, to be called on to ask God's blessings on several important events.

It has been a pleasure to travel with you this year and I hope that we will be traveling together in the future. I have enjoyed working under your leadership this year as I know that you have always been a hard worker for the G. A. R. family and know that you will continue to do so in the years ahead.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for asking me to serve as your Department Chaplain and may God's mercy be with you and yours in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

JOHN W. EMERY

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

Camps January 1, 1953	82	
Members January 1, 1953		1587

Gains

	Init.	Re-in.	Trans.	Total
March '54 qr.	9	1	1	11
June	6		1	7
Sept.	5		1	6
Dec.	14		1	15

Total gain	39
	1626

Losses

	Deaths	Hon. Dis.	Tr.	Drops	Total
Mar. '54 qr.	20	2		23	45
June	19			9	28
Sept.	13			10	23
Dec.	14	11	2	17	44

Total loss	140
Membership December 31, 1953	1486

Supply Account

On hand March 31, 1953		226.67
Purchases		74.08
		300.75
Sales	108.45	
Obsolete	8.87	
On hand Mar. 31, 1954	179.30	296.62
Profit		4.13

GENERAL FUND

Balance on hand March 31, 1953		$395.33

Receipts

Per Capita Tax	$1358.25	
Membership fees	43.00	
Supplies	108.45	
Ways and Means Committee, balance for 1953	126.50	
Perm. Fund, Int. and Dividends	554.25	
Auxiliary Convention gift	150.00	
Convention Registrations	88.00	
Pat. Instructor fund 1953	130.50	
Rent	112.49	
Light	4.73	
Telephone	59.80	
Ways and Means Committee, 1954	30.00	
		2765.97
		$3161.30

Disbursements

Per Capita Tax	$919.40
Membership Fees	21.50
Supplies	74.08
Postage	61.59
Printing and Stationery	94.50
Officers' bonds premiums	7.50
Locks on office door and desk	11.50
Rosters	69.50

Salary of Secretary	500.00	
Rent	300.00	
Light	9.86	
Telephone	120.87	
Encampment expense, 1953	93.26	
Advance for 1954 Encampment expense	16.00	
American Coalition	10.00	
National Memorial fund	87.00	
Dept. Memorial fund	43.50	
Paid to Loring fund	50.00	
Dept. Comdr. Nat'l Encampment expense	50.00	
State Street Trust Co. Safety box	6.00	
State Street Trust Co. Service charges	5.23	
Donation to Auxiliary Ways and Means Com.	25.00	
G. A. R. Perm. Memo. Fund, Edwin Earp	10.00	
G. A. R. Perm. Memo. Fund, Mass. Dept.	10.00	
Miscellaneous	43.08	
Past Dept. Badge	10.00	
		2649.37
Balance on hand March 31, 1954		$511.93

LEON H. PALMER,
Secretary

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT TREASURER

The following is my report of the Special Funds of the Department for the year ending March 31, 1954.

Benjamin J. Loring Fund

Amount of Fund in the home Savings Bank March 31, 1953, Book No. 258021	$ 616.34
Added during the year from Permanent Fund Dividends	50.00
Bank Interest added	8.93
Amount of Fund March 31, 1954	775.27

There is still due this Fund from the Department to complete the amount borrowed $117.68.

Margaret Myers Fund

On hand in the Suffolk First Federal and Loan Associates, Book No. 3661, March 31, 1953	$353.22
Dividend on United Fruit Co. stock	17.50
Total	$370.72
Withdrawn during the year to pay Camp 56 for care of lot in Cambridge Cemetery	12.00
Balance on hand March 31, 1954	$358.72

The Fund March 31, 1954 was made up as follows:

Bal. deposited in the Suffolk Cooperated Federal and Loan Association, Book No. 3661	69.77	
To which interest is to be added,		
Cash to be deposited	19.25	
Five shares Common Stock United Fruit Co. Certificate No. H0225440, cost	269.70	
Making the total amount of Fund March 31, 1954		358.72
Showing a gain for the year of $5.50.		
George C. Marshall Post No. 136, Rutland, Mass., Fund		
Amount of Fund, March 31, 1953		$508.29
Received during the year,		
Dividends on Fitchburg Gas & Electric stock	26.25	
Interest on Bank Balance	2.26	
		28.51
Total		$536.80
April 5, 1953, withdrawn to pay for one share Stock Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co. certificate 18717 cost		46.00
		490.80
Making amount as follows March 31, 1954:		
Bal. in Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank, Book No. 150934	94.80	
8 shares Stock Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co. Certificate No. 14040, cost	396.00	
1 share Stock Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co., certificate No. 18717, cost	46.00	
Making amount of Fund March 31, 1954		536.80
Making a gain for the year of $28.51.		

Theodore Winthrop Camp 81, Chelsea

Amount of Fund March 31, 1953		$1044.30
Received during the year Dividends on 50 shares Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co., stock $60.00 which I have paid to the Treasurer of the Camp.		
Making the Fund March 31, 1954 as follows:		
Amount in the Suffolk First Federal Savings and Loan Association	44.30	
To which interest is to be added.		
20 shares Common stock Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co., certificate No. 13423, cost	1000.00	
Making total amount of the fund		$1044.30

Mass. Dept. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund.

Deposited May 19, 1953 in the Home Savings Bank, Book No. 479888		43.50
Interest added March 9, 1954		.39
Amount of Fund March 31, 1954		43.89

Arnold Williams Coppenhagen Fund

Amount of Fund March 31, 1953		$6226.61
Received during the year the following:		
Dividends the United Fruit Co.	70.00	
Western Mass. Cos.	53.00	
Am. Tel & Tel. Co.	126.00	
Ludlow Mfg. Co.	46.00	
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.	40.00	
Received for Rights Western Mass. Cos.	.20	
		335.20
Used to pay Band for Memorial Day	135.00	
M. T. A. busses for Memorial Day	11.15	
2 Am. Tel. & Tel. Bonds certificates Nos. 262924 and 262925	200.00	
3 shares Stock in Western Mass. Cos. certificate No. 128,076	88.80	
Total Withdrawn		434.95

Details of the Fund

Balance in Charlestown Savings Bank Book No. 233893	440.17	
Deposited during the year	46.50	
Interest added	4.69	
Balance on hand March 31, 1954		491.36
Balance in Provident Institution for Savings, Book No. 666476, March 31, 1953	396.63	
Deposited	10.00	
Interest added	10.98	
Balance on hand March 31, 1954		417.61
Total in Banks		$908.97

Arnold Fund

Total Funds in Savings Banks March 31, 1954	$908.97
20 Shares Stock United Fruit Co., certificate H0225442, cost	1078.81
3 Shares Western Mass. Cos., certificate 128076, cost	88.80
25 Shares Western Mass. Cos., certificate 95576, cost	887.50
25 Shares New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., certificate 251023, cost	569.43
20 Shares Ludlow Mfg. Co., certificate 37811, cost	720.00
14 Shares Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.	2134.07
2 Shares, certificates M361459	
2 Shares, certificate M306217	
10 Shares, certificate, BK98378	
2 Conv. Bonds Am. Tel. & Tel. Co., TC262924—262925, cost	200.00
	6587.58
Less the amount due to pay the balance of the Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. bonds	156.25
Making the total amount of the Fund March 31, 1954	$6431.33

Showing a gain for the year of $204.72.

Couden-Higginson Camp 56, Cambridge

Amount of the Fund as per last report			$1865.51
Balance in Cambridgeport Savings Bank, Book 207496 March 31, 1953		205.11	
Deposited April 8, 1953		15.00	
Deposited April 22, 1953		18.75	
Total		238.86	
Withdrawn April 8, 1953 to pay dues of members for 1952		38.00	
Making balance in Bank at last report			200.86
Received in April, 1953 the following:			
Dividends United Fruit Co.		35.00	
Dividends Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.		45.00	
Dividends Western Mass. Cos.		15.50	
Rights Western Mass. Cos.		.42	
Total amount received		95.92	
Deposit in the Bank April 22, 1953		18.75	
Leaving amount to be deposited		77.17	
Used to buy 1 share Western Mass. Cos. Stock Part of certificate 128076, cost	29.60		
1 Conv. Bond Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. including Rights	105.14		
Paid to the Treasurer of the Camp dues for members for year 1954	52.50		
Making total amount used		187.24	
Showing the balance to be withdrawn to pay for the amounts expended $110.07.			
Balance in Cambridgeport Savings Bank, Book No. 207496, March 31st, 1954			$200.86
10 Shares Com. Stock United Fruit Co., certificate H0225441, cost			539.40
5 Shares Com. Stock Am. Tel. & Tel. Co., certificate BC93307, cost			776.00
10 Shares Com. Stock Western Mass. Cos. certifificate 114.49, cost			330.00
10 Shares Com. Stock Western Mass. Cos. certificate 128076, cost			29.60
1 Conv. Bond Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. including Rights, Bond TC262929, cost			105.14
Total			1981.00
Deducting the amount due to pay the balance on stocks, etc.			110.07
Making the net amount of the account March 31, 1954			$1870.93

Showing a gain for the year of $5.42. The reason the gain is so small is for the fact that during the year I paid to the Treasurer of the Camp the dues of the members for two years, 1953 and 1954.

Permanent Fund

Total amount of Fund March 31, 1953		$10016.75
Dividends received during the year as follows:		
Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.	$171.00	
Haverhill Gas Light Co.	112.50	
Eastern Utilities Association	4.00	
Ludlow Mfg. Co.	90.00	
Plymouth Cordage Co.	46.50	
Heywood Wakefield Co.	31.25	
Bird & Son	40.00	
Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co.	9.00	
Interest on U. S. Government Bonds	50.00	
Total amount received which I paid into the General Fund of the Dept. to be used in carrying on the work of the Dept.	554.25	

The details of the Permanent Fund March 31, 1954 are as follows:

Balance in Charlestown Savings Bank, Book No. 405,403, March 31, 1953	338.15	
Interest added during the year	12.36	
Total	350.51	
Withdrew during the year to pay for 4 shares Com. Stock Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co., cost	184.00	
Leaving balance in Bank March 31, 1954	166.51	
50 Shares Com. Stock Haverhill Gas Light Co., certificate No. 13848, cost	1000.00	
19 Shares Com. Stock Am. Tel. & Tel. Co., cost		
15 Shares certificate No. BXV1408	2327.97	
4 shares certificate No. P211396	530.13	
2 Shares Com. Stock Eastern Utilities Assn. M6661, cost	55.50	
50 Shares Com. Stock Ludlow Mfg. Co. 37810, cost	1800.00	
15 Shares Com. Stock Plymouth Cordage Co. certificate No. CB5410, cost	855.00	
25 Shares Pref. Stock Heyward Wakefield Co., certificate No. B9022, cost	450.00	
40 Shares Com. Stock Bird & Son, certificate No. CO14462	660.00	
4 Shares Com. Stock Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co., certificate No. 18717, cost	184.00	
Received cash for the 2 U. S. Govt. Bonds	2000.00	
Used of this amount	305.14	
to pay for 3 $100 Conv. Bonds Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. including rights	305.14	
Leaving balance of cash to be invested for the Permanent Fund by the Executive Committee.	1694.86	
Making total balance of Fund, March 31, 1954		10029.11

I make the following recommendations:

First: That the Treasurer be instructed to take from the interest and dividends received from March 31, 1954, $117.88 and pay this sum to the Benjamin J. Loring Fund to complete the balance due on the amount borrowed.

Second: That after reimbursing the Benjamin J. Loring Fund all of the balance received from the interest and dividends of the Permanent Fund shall

be paid by the Treasurer to the General Fund of the Department to be used in paying part of the expenses of the Department.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE E. HUNT,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR

To the Officers and Members of the Department Encampment, Massachusetts Department, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War:

My duties in the past year have been nominal, as no legal questions have been submitted to me. There is still undisposed of a cause of action growing out of the conduct of certain members of a disbanded camp which will be reported on as soon as there are definite developments.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERIC GILBERT BAUER,
Department Counselor.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

April 7th, 1954

To the Officers and Members of the 72nd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated.

I have the pleasure to submit the following report. One year ago I was appointed by our Department Commander Brother Harold P. Shepardson to the office of Department Patriotic Instructor of which I was very pleased. The Duties of this office well carried out can accomplish much for our organization, I have tried to do that but regret have not met all expectations. The work in this office brings one in close contact with the Camps throughout the Department, and through this have been truly grateful for the knowledge obtained. The Department had many Patriotic programs and observances as usual on scheduled Patriotic dates, required in rules and regulations of the order with a good number in attendance. My report to the National Patriotic Instructor was in on time, and complete to number of reports received at time of filing. In respect to number reported on pleased to state filed on 50 percent of camps enrolled.

By this report our Department, is rated by the National Patriotic Instructor, he received same and commented very favorable for Mass., and its choice for Patriotic Instructor. Find many camps small in membership and meeting under trying conditions. In many cases. Various methods and programs for increasing the strength of our organization and its members are applied which perhaps we are aware. Working out successful with the county associations rendering a splendid job.

The duty of the Patriotic Instructor is raising a sum of money for the National G. A. R. Fund am sorry didn't raise expected amount but hope to

increase same. By vote of 1952 Encampment 1/3 of sum raised to remain in our treasury for Patriotic Work. Patriotically and Visualizing real progress for general good of our organization in strength and place in public life, I urge the following the item in the March and April issue of the "Banner" for a Congressional Charter. Senator Darkin of Illinois and Congressman Keating of New York have introduced like bills (S. 2924) and (H. R. 8034) to incorporate our order for Congressional Charter. Each Camp and Department should pass legislation endorsing the legislation and petition in groups for favorable consideration. 107 years of the Grand Army of the Republic make it most urgent for a Congressional Charter for when the time comes that the last G. A. R. member is gone we will be in a position to carry on. Surely here brothers I could state a word for the Banner the official paper of our organization and suggest all make an effort to subscribe and those that haven't, do so. Subscription very low $1.00 per year for six issues.

Recommendations

1. That the incoming commander in first General order if put out before time for compiling National Patriotic Instructor report, that it include the promptness of camps to forward their camp Patriotic Instructor reports.

2. That the continuation of 1/3 of sum of money raised for G. A. R. Fund remain in Mass. for Department Patriotic work.

I wish to thank all camps which have sent in the Patriotic Instructor reports and sincerely urge those that haven't to send them in this year to the new Patriotic Instructor before July 1st. I wish to thank Commander Shepardson and all for their helpful advise and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. & L.,

CHARLES W. HOOPER,
Department Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT ORGANIZER

March 29, 1954

As Department Organizer, I wish to report that there were no new camps organized. I made a few visits up until such time as a meeting was held in Boston upon which time it was suggested by vote that the system of District Commanders be instituted, and giving such a man the authority to bring the greetings of the Department Commander. However, this effort failed.

I did not feel as if I should visit well organized camps, unless invited to do so by the District Commander, as a Department officer.

I recommend that we should set up a new standard of operation. First—Divide the state into four districts. Second—Have a Vice-Commander in each section. He to have supervision over his section, reporting such activities to the Department Commander. Such an officer could check on camps reports and losses.

Some will say it would not be legal, but I believe that it will be advantageous to our order.

Let us have a, "NEW STANDARD OF OPERATION", and get out of the rut.

Fraternally,

GEORGE R. BECKMAN,
Department Organizer.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT ORGANIZER

At the 71st Encampment held at Swampscott you honored me by appointing me Assistant Organizer of the Massachusetts Department. An honor for which I am deeply grateful.

At the outset I curtailed my activities to Western Massachusetts.

In addition to visitations to every camp and attending all their activities including the allied orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.

We held three class initiations: One at the James B. Lay Camp No. 44 of Westfield at which four members were taken in. Another at the Charles Sumner Camp No. 37 of Gardner at which eight members were taken in and another under the auspices of the Pioneer Valley District Association, of which I am Commander. At that time three candidates were initiated.

In conclusion, permit me to thank you Commander Shepardson for appointing me Assistant Organizer of the Massachusetts Department and to thank each and every one who assisted me in any way to make your year a success.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

GEORGE D. LAMARSH,
Assistant Organizer.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PRESS CORRESPONDENT

April 9, 1954
Chelsea 50, Massachusetts

I herewith hand you my report as Department Press Correspondent for the term just closed. I have enjoyed my work mingling with the press and I feel we owe a debt of gratitude to the Boston Daily Record, the Boston Globe and the Boston Post for the coverage of department news. My own little Chelsea Record which has given me over 400 inches of news during my term. The Chelsea paper has over 20,000 readers which finds its way into many homes, thus acquainting the public of the great patriotic work of our honored Order. Publicity is needed if we intend to grow. I have made many new friends during my term and I wish to publicly thank the Banner for giving me much space to show the increased activities of our department. It has been

very nice working under the leadership of our friend, Department Commander Harold P. Shepardson.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

GEORGE WM. KIMBALL,
Department Press Correspondent

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee has held three meetings during the past year. Aside from routine matters, such as specifying who should have access to the safe deposit box, the Committee has authorized the taking up and selling of certain rights which accrued to the Department on stocks which we owned in our various funds.

It also approved the action of the Encampment Committee in arranging for the Department Encampment at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel in Boston, 9 - 11 April, 1954.

An application was made by a band which is led by one of our members for authority to use the name of the Sons of Union Veterans in its public appearances. After careful consideration of the matter, the Executive Committee authorized the band to use the name of the Sons of Union Veterans provided that all its public appearances where the name of the Sons of Union Veterans is used, on the base drum or otherwise, be subject to prior approval by the Department Commander or by some person designated by him.

Many of the members of the Department may not realize the advantages of having an Executive Committee to handle our investments and, between the Encampments, to attend to other legal questions with may arise. As a result of the Committee's supervision of investments, the income of the Department from investments has materially increased and is continuing each year to increase. Details of this will appear in the Treasurer's Report.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

FREDERIC GILBERT BAUER,
Chairman.

April 5, 1954
New Bedford, Massachusetts.

REPORT OF GRAVES REGISTRAR

It was my privilege to be appointed by you to the office of Grave Registrar. I appreciate the confidence that you placed in me by such an appointment.

The end of your term of office is at hand, and it becomes necessary that I make a report. It is **not good.**

Due to circumstances over which I had no control, I am forced to state that **nothing was accomplished** by me.

First it was necessary that I have certain papers, previously prepared by me several years ago, to prepare my program. The papers were in storage, and after a lapse of several weeks I received them through the courtesy of Brothers Hooper and Fuller. It was then too late to start work on them. Therefore I am compelled to report, "no progress."

I feel no elation in having to make such a report as this, but feel that my reasons for so doing are in good order.

Sorry that I fell down on this work, but it could not be helped.

I stand ready to turn over to my successor all records that I have in my possession which are the property of the Department.

Respectfully in F. C. and L.,

LaFOREST E. OSBORNE.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COMMITTE ON THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

April 9, 1954

I would like to submit to you the report of the Massachusetts Department Committee on the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Highway (U. S. Route 6).

On January 6, 1954, I received a letter from Department Commander Harold P. Shepardson asking me to serve as chairman of the Committee. On January 9, I wrote him I would accept and would do all that I could and asked that the following be named the Committee to work with me. Tony Raymond, Camp 4; Frank Brown, Camp 35; William Tillson, Camp 26, and Lawrence O. Jones, 17.

On Sunday, January 23, I made a trip over the entire highway from Rhode Island to Provincetown. I found that a good many of the signs designating the Highway were either missing or the paint so peeled off that reading them was impossible.

On Tuesday, February 2, I received a letter from Brother Holbrook asking me to report to him the condition of the Highway. On Thursday, February 4, I went to Boston and through the cooperation of Rep. Wilfrid Derosier of Brockton I met Mr. Grey, the Chief Engineer for the Massachusetts Department of Public Works. As Mr. Grey was busy that day an appointment was made for Saturday, February 20 and with Rep. Derosier I met Mr. Grey at his office. We had quite a talk on the Highway. Mr. Grey stating that the Highway in Massachusetts is 118 1/13 of a mile long and that signs designating the Highway as the G. A. R. Memorial Highway are placed at every 2½ miles for a total of 25 signs, the signs being painted on both sides so as they are readable from both directions of travel, he also stated as I said above, that a good many of the signs are missing and that those still on location are in a bad condition, plans he said are being made, in fact at the time the Works Department of the Public Works were making new signs which were to be

erected as soon as weather would permit. He also stated that more money is spent on Route 6. than any other route other then Route 128.

On Sunday, March 13, I had a meeting with the Selectmen of Provincetown to see if we could arrange some sort of a memorial designating the start of the G. A. R. Memorial Highway in the East. As Route 6 does not start near the ocean but about a mile this side of the center of the town we could not find a place where any memorial could be placed for the reason that the streets are very narrow in Provincetown, and talking about this later with Mr. Grey he assured me that a sign would be placed somewhere near the start of the Highway, so as people would know just where the Highway started.

On March 27, I made my third and last trip over the entire Highway and I am pleased and proud to report that 25 new signs are now on location on the Highway and that we as Sons of Veterans—Civil War, should be well pleased with the work that the Massachusetts Department of Public Works and Mr. Grey have done in putting the Highway in such a wonderful condition Also one of the nicest things that Mr. Grey has done is to remove all billboards a distance of 100 yards from any of the signs so as the public has a clear view and reading of the signs can be mode at all times; all this I have reported to Brother Holbrook, the National Chairman and as of last Saturday I received from him a very fine letter thanking me for all my efforts.

I want to thank Department Commander Shepardson, the members of my Committee who have also done a lot of work and I only hope that our work has been and will be of some help to the Massachusetts Department and the Commander in Chief.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

WILLIAM W. HASKELL, Chairman
FRANK E. BROWN
FRANK RAYMOND
WILLIAM W. TILLSON
L. O. JONES.

April 9, 1954

REPORT OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

We had the privilege of serving as your Friendly Relation Committee. Due to a misunderstanding we did not meet until quite late. I as chairman took upon myself to call a meeting of the other Allied Committees. Starting proceedings for the Banquet and Entertainment Saturday, January 9. 1954.

On the second meeting we discovered that the Auxiliary was to be host. It was voted as we of the Sons had started the affair we should continue as host.

We drafted Brother George W. Kimball, P. D. C. to act as secretary which he handled along with handling the Boosters and Programs. I as Chairman for

the Sons say many thanks Brother Kimball, I shall always be grateful to you. This is the financial report.

Respectfully submitted,

CARDER A. PERKINS, P. D. C.
WILLIAM O. FULLER, P. D. C.
LOUIS WINCHELL, P. D. C.
ROY C. CALL, P. D. C.
CHARLES W. HOOPER, D. S. V. C.
ROBERT L. WOOD, D. S. V. C.

TREASURER'S REPORT
FRIENDLY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

W. R. C.	52 Tickets	$96.20	
	45 Boosters	22.50	
			$118.70
D. of U. V.	41 Tickets	$76.00	
	51 Boosters	25.50	
			101.50
L. of G. A. R.	60 Tickets	$111.00	
	27 Boosters	13.50	
			124.50
S. of U. V.	76 Tickets	$140.90	
	79 Boosters	39.50	
			180.40
S. of U. V. Aux.	33 Tickets	$61.05	
	35 Boosters	17.50	
			78.55
			$603.65
Balance from last year			7.99
			$611.64

Expenses

450 Dinners and Tax	$420.00
Gratuities	42.00
Hall Rent	25.00
Entertainment	25.00
1000 Tickets	6.50
Programs	24.00
L. of G. A. R.	2.04
D. of U. V.	1.86
W. R. C.	3.00

Aux. to Sons	3.70	
Sons of U. V. Flyers and Postage	10.86	
		$563.96
Balance on Hand		$47.68
Aux. Marguerite Mitcheson		2.00
		$45.68

ROY C. CALL,
Treasurer of Committee.

Report of Officers

A. A. Quinn, P. D. C., Camp 81, Chas. H. E. Moran, P. C., in C., Camp 60, Herbert L. Smith, P. D. C., Camp 4, Thomas L. Crawford, P. D. C., Camp 17, Louis E. Winchell, P. D. C., Camp 80.

Restoration of Past Rank

Wm. W. Haskell, P. D. C., Camp 17, Orrin Eldridge, P. C., Camp 44, Roy C. Call, P. D. C., Camp 30, Lester D. Hobson, P. D. C., Camp 88, Ralph L. Smith, P. D. C., Camp 79.

Publicity

Geo. Wm. Kimball, P. S., Harold M. Drown, P. D. C., Herbert W. Bogue, P. C. Camp 15.

GREETINGS

Auxiliary, Chas. H. E. Moran, P. C., in C., A. A. Quinn, P. D. C., Camp 81, John W. Emery, P. D. C., Camp 57, William C. Rule, P. D. C., Camp 60, Alfred M. Bowen, D. P. A., Camp 15.

Women's Relief Corps; William H. Crocker, P. C., Camp 9, Leon H. Palmer, Dept. Sect'y., A. M. Bowen, P. C., Camp 15.

Daughters of Union Veterans: Carder A. Perkins, P. D. C., Camp 9, Robert L. Wood, S. V. D. C., Camp 30, Arthur C. Pray, P. C., Camp 56. Ladies of the G. A. R., Louis E. Winchell, P. D. C., Camp 80, Geo. Wm. Kimball, P. D. C., Camp 81, Ralph P. Bickmore, P. C., Camp 34.

At 2.30 p.m. the Credential Committee reported 46 Delegates present. Dept. S. V. Commander took the chair and the Commander read his report. The Commander resumed the chair and reports were read by the S. V. Commander, the J. V. Commander, Patriotic Instructor, Secretary, and Treasurer. Counselor Bauer spoke praising Treasurer Hunt for using his own money during his illness and on motion of Past Dept. Commander Perkins a rising vote of thanks was given Brother Hunt with great enthusiasm.

Treasurer Hunt read a letter from Rev. Arthur M. Soule and one from Mildred R. Carter, Matron of the Foxboro Home, expressing thanks and appreciation for the help given by the Sons and Auxiliary.

Counselor Bauer read his report and that of the Dept. Executive Commit-

tee and announced a meeting of the Committee immediately following this session. Chaplain read his report and verbal reports were offered by Chief of Staff, Asst. Organizer and Personal Aide.

Brother Osborne of Camp 35. Chairman of the Graves Registration Committee rendered a fine verbal report giving out much information regarding the work done and promising to carry out further matters he had in mind.

Secretary Pray of the Council read the Council report and the proposed Budget for 1954 and 1955.

Commander in Chief Grant spoke at some length on the matter of the American Coalition.

Chaplain Emery announced Memorial Service would be held Sunday at 10 a.m.

Nominations of officers called for and the following were made:

For Dept. Commander, Clarence Howard Camp 104 nominated Charles W. Hooper, 144.

For Dept. Senior Vice Commander, L. E. Osborne, Camp 35, nominated Millard F. Brown, 35.

For Dept. Junior Vice Commander, R. P. Bickmore Camp 34 nominated Emerson Whitman, 62.

For Dept. Council, V. L. Gordon Camp 9 nominated J. L. Day, 9.
C. H. E. Moran Camp 60 nominated Edwin J. Lennon, 61.
Emerson Whitman Camp 62 nominated R. P. Bickmore, 34.

Executive Committee, Howard E. Waite Camp 25 nominated Arthur C. Pray, 56.

Executive Committee, John W. Emery Camp 57 nominated C. H. E. Moran, 60.

On motion of Chaplain Emery it was voted that each Delegate to National Encampment have the endorsement of two members.

Brother Waite spoke about the National Encampment and favored Associate membership idea.

Past C. in C. Moran moved that approval be made to change in Constitution whereby Associate membership is allowed and motion was carried.

Past Commander Whitman suggested Room 27, State House as Headquarters for the Department and moved that the Department Commander be empowered to make the change. Much discussion followed for and against and on motion of Past C. in C. Moran the matter was tabled until after the meeting of the Executive Committee.

Past Commander Whitman moved that the red ribbon be removed from Department Officers' badge and the Past Camp Commanders' cross be allowed to any Past Department Officer. Much opposition was expressed and the motion was withdrawn.

Past Department Commander Perkins read the report of the Friendly relations Committee.

The Credential Committee reported an attendance of 51 as of 4.30 p.m. and cash received $53.00.

On suggestion of Past Commander Waite, Past Department Commander Haskell gave an oral report for the G. A. R. Memorial Highway Committee and promised written report tomorrow.

Brother Walte moved that Past Commander Osborne be requested to photograph the signs on the G. A. R. Highway and give description of them. Brother Osborne stated that he would gladly do so.

Past Department Commander Rule moved that appreciation of his work on the Highway be given Brother Ray and it was so voted.

Chaplain Emery spoke on Veterans' Night and stressed the importance of its observance.

President John Day of the Past Commanders Association reminnds members of the Association of the meeting with Camp 25 on May 1st.

On motion of Past Commander Bowen it was voted to recess to 10 o'clock a.m., April 10th.

Session opened at 10.15 a.m., April 10th. Prayer by the Department Chaplain.

Chaplain Emery submitted resolutions on the passing of Past Commander in Chief William L. Anderson and moved the adoption by rising vote. Adopted unanimously.

Resolution in memory of William L. Anderson, Past Commander in Chief and Past Department Commander, adopted at the 72nd Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, April 10, 1954.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in his infinite wisdom and mercy, to call to his final Encampment and eternal bivouac the soul of William L. Anderson, Sr., a highly esteemed Brother of our organization, and

WHEREAS, Brother Anderson has held many important offices, serving very well in 1922 as Department Commander; and in 1933 he received the highest honors which can be conferred upon a Brother by being elected Commander in Chief, and

WHEREAS, Brother Anderson was always ready, at a moment's notice to step in and fill the breach in his inimitable, efficient way, and

WHEREAS, We of the Massachusetts Department feel a very great loss at his passing and realizing also that our National organization suffers with us

Leon H. Palmer, Department Secretary.

Past Department Commander read a very fine report for the G. A. R. Highway Committee.

The Credential Committee reported attendance of 88.

Past Department Commander Howland read report for the C. & R. Committee and same was adopted.

Counselor Bauer moved that the Department ratify amendment establishing a Permanent Fund by the Commander in Chief. Treasurer Hunt spoke in favor and motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Gorham, sales manager of the Sheraton Plaza was presented and spoke in this loss, and that his beloved wife, Margaret, his constant companion, and his son, William L. Anderson, Jr., also suffer by his passing.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the records of this meeting as a perpetual memorial of his love and devotion to our Order and that one copy be sent to his wife and another to his son.

Sincerely submitted,

JOHN W. EMERY, P. D. C.,
Department Chaplain.

Harold P. Shepardson, Department Commander.
of his appreciation of being able to entertain the Conventions. Past Department Commander Fuller responded and thanked Mr. Gorham for all courtesies extended by the Hotel.

Past Department Commander Quinn read the report of the committee on Officers Reports. Counselor Bauer moved that unless there was objection all reports be considered adopted and motion was carried.

Past Commander Osborne raised the question of failure to send reports means no representation in the Encampment. Past Commander in Chief Moran stated illegal. Counselor Bauer quoted the Constitution and Regulations.

A delegation of 14 from the Auxiliary was received, all spoke. Dept. Pres. Haskins, Nat'l Pres. Webster, Past Nat'l Pres. Lambert, Nat'l Chief of Staff Stoudt, Past Dept. Pres. Shepardson, Past Nat'l Pres. Tucker, Past Dept. Pres. Sue Warren, Chairman of S. U. C. Aides Pronk, Pres. of Aux. 15 Bowen, Enc. Aides Brown, Dewey and Stark, Past Dept. Pres. Bush and Pres. of Aux. 20 Cormier. The Chairman of the S. U. V. Aides presented the Encampment with a check of $267.00 from the Auxiliary Department amid much applause. Past Commander in Chief Moran responded to all.

Announcement was made of the presentation of a silk flag to the Department by the Auxiliary and the family of our late brother Ernest A. Smith in his memory.

Chairman Quinn resumed his report. Committee approved reports of Secretary, Treasurer, Counselor, Chaplain, Executive Committee. Publicity Secretary Kimball read his report which was adopted.

Past Commander of Camp 6, Henry Bowen, moved that some one in authority be appointed to contact the Boston Globe and endeavor to straighten out the recent misunderstanding. Motion was carried and the Department Commander appointed Brother Bowen.

The Secretary read the report of the Department Organizer.

Past Commander Walker spoke on the division of the State into sections for District Commanders. Treasurer Hunt moved that such division be left in the hands of the Department Commander. Carried.

Past Department Commander Haskell reported for the Committee on Restoration of Past Rank and recommended the Restoration of rank of Past Commander to Ernest Wells of Camp 9. The Department Secretary moved that such rank be restored and so voted.

Past Commander Waite moved the adoption of the Department Commanders report. Carried.

The Resolutions Committee reported on the American Coalition resolutions, recommended their adoption which was adopted.

These resolutions are some adopted by the American Coalition of Patriotic Societies at a meeting held in Washington, D. C. on February 4, 1954.

Our Order is an active member of this group, and these Resolutions were presented by a committee on which our Commander in Chief U. S. Grant, 3rd and our Department Counselor Frederic G. Bauer were members.

This document really consists of five resolutions variously titled:—

1—Dedication.
2—Preservation of Constitutional Liberties.
3—Immigration and Nationality Law.
4—National Defense and Economy.
5—Appreciation.

Each of these appears to be along the lines on which our Order is dedicated and is in favor of some of those things which we espouse.

We believe that we can in all sincerity stand behind the American Coalition of Patriotic Societies in their pronouncements, and therefore recommend the adoption of these resolutions after substituting the name of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans where the name of the American Coalition of Patriotic Societies now appears.

Resolutions Committee

On resolution of Counselor Bauer regarding Lincoln Memorial University the Committee recommended adoption and on motion it was so voted.

WHEREAS, The Grand Army Highway is now an accomplished fact and in most states is being maintained by the public authorities, so that our Order can henceforth assume some other major project in addition thereto, and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Memorial University at Harrogate, Tennessee, benefits primarily a class of people whose ancestors were loyal to the Union under trying conditions, during the Civil War, and one of its founders was a distinguished Union Officer, Major General Oliver Otis Howward, and said University inculcates these ideals among its students for which our ancestors and theirs fought,

RESOLVED, That the Mass. Dept., Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War urges the Commander in Chief to assume as one of its projects support of Lincoln Memorial University and as a first step in such support to establish in said University a scholarship in memory of General Ulysses S. Grant, the Commander in Chief under whom our ancestors fought and be it further

RESOLVED, That 25 percent of the Department Patriotic Instructor's Fund be henceforth devoted to the use of Lincoln Memorial University, either as a part of said scholarship or otherwise.

F. G. BAUER,

We recommend adoption.

Recessed to 1.30 p.m.

Reconvened at 2.15.

Past Dept. Comdr. Perkins for Committee on Ritual reported no suggested changes.

Asst. Organizer Lamarsh read his report which was adopted.

Brother Lewis, Patriotic Instructor of R. I. Dept., Brother Lambert, Nat'l-Sec'y-Treas. and Brother Stoudt, Past C.-in-C. were admitted and escorted to the platform.

On motion of Counselor Bauer it was voted that where there was but one nominee for each office the Secretary cast one ballot.

For the Council, Chairman Lennon read the proposed Budget and Chaplain Emery moved its adoption. Past Comdr. Waite suggested the Dept. Comdr.'s expense allowance to Nat'l Encampment be increased to $140.00. Past Dept. Comdr. Perkins suggested the donation to the Auxiliary Dept. be increased to $50.00. Past Dept. Comdr. Howland suggested an extra $10.00 to the American Coalition, Past Dept. Comdr. Perkins then moved that we donate $50.00 to the Auxiliary. Dept. Counselor Bauer offered amendment that the budget be approved provided the means of the Dept. were able to do it and that the matter of increases be left in the hands of the Executive Committee with authority to make such increases if thought advisable. Motion carried as amended.

Mrs. Saquet, President, and Mrs. Elias of the Gold Star Wives of America brought Greetings and Past Dept. Comdr. Crawford responded.

Mrs. Blanch Dawson, President of United War Mothers was admitted, also Dorothy Putnam representing Daughters of Union Veterans, Dorothy Brooks, President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., and Dorothy Morris, Woman's Relief Corps. Past Dept. Comdr. responded to W. R. C., Past Dept. Comdr. Chandler to Ladies of the G. A. R., Past Dept. Comdr. Quinn to D. U. V., and Past Dept. Comdr. Rule to United War Mothers.

Commander in Chief Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, was enthusiastically received and spoke. He urged the upkeep of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway and stressed the importance to our Order of the Congressional Charter which is now in Committee and stated that conditions looked favorable for its passing. Counselor Bauer responded.

Past Dept. Comdr. Webster of Maine and Past Dept. Comdr. DeHaven received and spoke.

Nat'l Sec'y-Treas. Lambert spoke and urged subscriptions for the Banner and Past C. in C. Stoudt spoke on the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. Brother Lewis from Rhode Island also addressed the Convention.

Dept. Comdr. Shepardson appointed as Tellers, Past Dept. Comdr. Weiler Chairman, Past Comdr. William George and Past Comdr. William Tillson.

The Resolutions Committee submitted the following letter which was approved and adopted.

The Seventy-Second Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held on April 9th, 10th and 11th, 1954, in Boston, in the Sheraton Plaza Hotel, feels a deep sense of obligation to the owners and management of this fine hotel for their hospitality; for their liberal granting of their facilities, to make our sessions pleasant; and for that cordiality that makes us want to return as future occasions may warrant.

Please believe us to be sincere when we say "thank you" for all you have done to make our visit with you a happy one.

Resolutions Committee,

HENRY F. WEILER, Chairman
PARKER B. CHANDLER
LaFOREST E. OSBORNE

A resolution from Camp 14 to effect that three members be substituted for five for a Camp meeting quorum, the resolution to be sent to the Commander in Chief for action was voted as non concurring by the Committee and convention upheld the Committee action.

A resolution from Camp 62 that Past Dept. elected officials be entitled to continue to wear the Department red ribbon together with some suitable

emblem attached thereto was disapproved by the Committee, the Committee however offering the following: A bar similar to campaign bars used by armed forces be authorized with a yellow ribbon for Past National Officers and a red ribbon for Past Dept. Officers the same to be worn directly above the regulation badge. Addition to Chapter 5, Article 2, Badge and Decorations. To be sent to Commander in Chief. So voted.

Credential Committee reported Total registration 110, Delegates 104.

Past Commander in Chief Moran moved that the next Department Encampment be held in Boston and it was so voted.

On motion of Brother Moran it was voted to take matter of Headquarters at State House, Room 27, be taken from the table and left in the hands of the Department Executive Committee.

Brother Bowen reported a visit to the office of the Boston Globe and felt that matters with that office had been satisfactorily straightened out.

Chairman of the tellers reported 80 ballots cast, 78 votes, 2 blanks.

The following officers were declared elected:
Charles W. Hooper, Department Commander.
Millard F. Brown, Senior Vice Department Commander.
Emerson Whitman, Junior Vice Department Commander.
John L. Day, Department Council.
Edwin J. Lennon, Department Council.
Arthur F. Pray, Department Council.
Charles H. E. Moran, Department Executive Committee for 5 years.

Delegates to National Encampment

Carlton Morris,	Camp 17	Ralph P. Bickmore	Camp 34
Howard E. Waite	Camp 25	George O. Walker	Camp 1
Wm. W. Tillson	Camp 26	Henry E. Morrison	Camp 4
John L. Day, Sr.	Camp 9	Lawrence R. E. Johnson	Camp 15
Millard F. Brown	Camp 35	Herbert W. Bogue	Camp 15
Chas. L. Simington	Camp 81	Wm. R. Cohen	Camp 9
Geo. D. Lamarsh	Camp 60	Emerson Whitman	Camp 62
Henry S. Bowen, Jr.	Camp 6	Robert L. Wood	Camp 30
Arthur F. Pray	Camp 56		

Recessed until 10 a.m., April 11, at 5.15 p.m.

A JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR AND AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINS

Sheraton Plaza Hotel — Palm Sunday — April 11, 1954 — 10:00 A.M.
John W. Emery, P. D. C. — Dorothy Hume

PROCESSIONAL—Onward Christian Soldiers

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die.

I know that my redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger.

DRAPING OF THE DEPARTMENT CHARTERS
Department Commander Harold P. Shephardson
Department President Marilla Haskins

BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC (two verses)
Tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic

NECROLOGY
Department Secretary Leon H. Palmer
Department Secretary Viola Brunet

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING

PSALM 23—Department Chaplain Dorothy Hume

MEMORIES—(music only)
Representatives of camps and auxiliaries advance and place flowers in vases.

EULOGY
Past Commander-in-Chief William L. Anderson, Sr.
Past Commander-in-Chief Charles H. E. Moran
Past National President Phylis Dean
Past National President Margaret Palmer
Past Department President Louise Howe 1914
Past Department President Beatrice Pike

LEAD KINDLY LIGHT—All (two verses)

PSALM 46—(responsive reading)
God is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble
Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea.
Though the waters thereof rage and swell, and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God; the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.
God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed;
God shall help her, and that right early.
Be still and know that I am God: I will be exulted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

NEARER MY GOD TO THEE—(two verses)

ADDRESS—Department Chaplain John W. Emery

PRAYER—O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered; Accept our prayers on behalf of the souls of thy departed servants, and grant them an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ROCK OF AGES—(two verses).

The Department Officers were Installed by Past Commander-in-Chief Charles H. E. Moran, assisted by Brother Bowen as Guide and Chaplain John W. Emery.

The Past Department Commanders Badge was presented Brother Shepardson by Brother Moran and a Department purse by Secretary Palmer.

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